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STAT Dear [redacted]

The staff of the House Committee on Science and Astronautics plans to hold a series of informal hearings or panel discussions beginning June 29 on the subject of high-speed electronic computers. I have been informed that you have knowledge which would be valuable in connection with these hearings.

It is planned that the scheduled hearings will provide information concerning the development history of computers, the principles of operation, present and projected uses -- including the mechanical translation of foreign-language documents -- and other uses which could make significant contributions to American science, technology and industry. It is hoped that testimony to be given will bring out not only the importance of digital computers to research, design and business operations, but also the particular advantages of analogue computers for highly specialized uses. Testimony will be obtained to show how the United States compares with other countries of the world in the development and use of computers. In this connection we are anxious to learn if computer design and usage in foreign countries can be taken as a valid indicator of the state of science and technology in those countries.

We would like to know if you are willing to appear as a witness or join a panel discussion group and, if so, what days on or after June 29 would be convenient for you. In any event we would appreciate your written comments on this subject in order that they may be considered during the preparation of a staff report to the Committee. An early reply will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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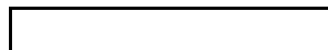
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